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Agenda item 6
Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee and other organizational matters

Note by the Secretariat

The Preparatory Committee decides to adopt the following agenda for its first session:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Status of preparations for the special session.
3. Preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.
4. Consideration of further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit.
5. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session.

Annotations

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 50/161 of 22 December 1995, decided to hold a special session of the Assembly in the year 2000 with two purposes: an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the consideration of further actions and initiatives.

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2. At the first session of the Preparatory Committee, the scope for review and appraisal will be limited. Structured requests for national reports will have been sent but responses will not have been completed nor will analysis be far advanced. On the basis of the information available, including in the United Nations system, it should, however, be possible for the Secretariat to provide a preliminary assessment of achievements in and constraints on the implementation of the commitments made in Copenhagen. This should provide a basis for the consideration of further actions and initiatives.

3. The principal subject for discussion will therefore be the identification of the specific issues and initiatives that Governments wish to have placed in the agenda of the special session. As at the Summit, discussion of the means of addressing those issues will relate to goals, strategies, policies and programmes at the national, regional and international levels.

4. The 10 commitments agreed at the Summit, as elaborated in the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, will provide the framework for discussion. Specific issues raised by delegations during the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee will be discussed by the Bureau and presented, in a structured manner, in a document to be distributed before the first session of the Preparatory Committee. This would be based on proposals prepared by countries, background reports prepared by the appropriate entities of the United Nations system, the results of expert meetings and reports prepared by consultants on issues identified by countries for consideration, which will also be circulated to delegations.